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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1 and 3-46 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1,3-10 and 13-46 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 11 and 12 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 21 December 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 11 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chopra(U.S. Pat. NO. 7,280,266) in view of Garman(U.S. Pat. NO. 6,846,668).

Regarding claim 11, 12, Chopra discloses an image display panel(fig 16), in which two or more groups of particles having different colors(col 4, lines 14-20; col 16, lines 39-50) and different charge characteristics are sealed between opposed two substrates(fig 16, col 16, lines 39-5), at least one of two substrates being transparent(col 3, lines 5-15), and, in which the particles, to which an electrostatic field produced by a pair of electrodes arranged on one substrate or both substrates is applied, are made to move so as to display an image, characterized in that two substrates of the image display panel are connected by using an adhesive(col 40, lines 12-32 and col 6,lines 13-25). Chopra does not disclose using a thermosetting adhesive or a photo-curing adhesive made from an acrylic, and although Chopra discloses an adhesive can be used, Chopra does not disclose the specific type of adhesive to be used. However, Garman discloses using a thermosetting adhesive or a photo-curing adhesive made from an acrylic for attaching an object to a substrate(col 13, lines 44-

50). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to use a thermosetting adhesive or a photo-curing adhesive made from an acrylic as shown by Garman, with the micro fabricated device of Chopra, since as shown by Garman a photo-curing adhesive made from an acrylic is commonly used in mico fabricated devices for building the structure.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Timothy J. Thompson whose telephone number is (571) 272-2342. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 AM - 6:00 Pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mack Ricky can be reached on (571) 272-2333. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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